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18 November 1952

Dear Guy:

I'll follow your lead and take advantage of the special courier to reply to your letter of 25 October.

First of all, with regard to your request for six weeks notification, I feel that this problem has been solved. My co-workers here understand some of the difficulties you are faced with, because they have encountered some of the same objections, on a smaller scale. We have agreed that, wherever possible, we will give you six weeks notice of routine preparation or revision. I have commented on this in somewhat more detail in an official memorandum being sent separately.

In all fairness, I believe that you and the people in Washington should understand that the scheduling of this work has not been done just to keep us busy here. As a matter of fact, our "travelling men" have indicated their intention of trying to make all these trips. As you well know, the capriciousness of the powers that be may make it necessary for the travellers to abandon their plans or to accelerate their plans so as to make the trip with very little advance notice. We cannot afford to pass up any opportunity to brief them for a trip, even though we realize that their plans for the trip are subject to change with almost no notice.

You already know that the problem of the ten additional copies of the mimeographed material has been solved. So much for that.

I'm afraid we don't quite understand your problem of "tying in answers with requirements." Our position on the matter is as follows: Questions included in the finished brief are in 3 categories as regards origin --

(a) Washington requirements on subjects not submitted by [redacted] 25X1X7
requirements on subjects not submitted by Washington, and (c) combined requirements about subjects on which both Washington and [redacted] have submitted 25X1X7
questions. We feel that anyone who has submitted a requirement should be able to recognize it as his requirement in the finished brief without the necessity of having it pointed out to him, even though its form may have been altered somewhat. We further feel that anyone reading [redacted] 25X1X4

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[redacted] in conjunction with the appropriate brief should have no difficulty in recognizing an answer to one of his requirements. Thus we fail to see a need for us to identify each bit of information as being in answer to a specific requirement. Does this seem logical to you? Or have we misinterpreted your "problem of tying in answers with requirements"? If so, can you explain it more fully?

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With each copy of a [redacted] distributed in [redacted] a so-called "crit sheet" is attached. A sample of one of these forms is enclosed herewith. I think you will find it self-explanatory. You will note that it makes the analyst responsible for deciding which requirements have been satisfactorily answered. On the basis of these completed "crit sheets", the appropriate brief is prepared for revision. You may wish to consider using this system,

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or an adaptation of it, in Washington.

In response to your question about requirements for general information on transportation, communications, agriculture, petroleum, etc., we are preparing a provisional statement of "General Observations Applicable to all Journeys". We are sending you ten copies of the provisional draft of this statement, and will appreciate it if you can let us have the Washington comments and suggested revisions or additions within a reasonable time. Some of the subjects (notably petroleum) for which you undoubtedly have general requirements are not treated in the provisional draft. Your Washington analysts can pretty much "write their own ticket" on these, but please impress upon them that these are to be general requirements. They will have their opportunity to submit specific requirements as the individual briefs are scheduled.

In general, I feel that the requirements submitted by Washington thus far have been quite well worked out. In some cases you have been more explicit than necessary in giving details of the location of a target installation. This applies particularly to installations that are already located on USAF mosaics. In other instances, requirements have been submitted on installations that are well beyond the range of possible observation from the route to be traversed. By comparison, I feel that the Washington requirements are considerably more detailed but a bit less realistic than the [REDACTED] 25X1X7 contributions. Nevertheless, your requirements are always awaited with interest here, and most of them get into the final product, in somewhat modified form, of course.

Now for a few remarks on the question of finding information already available in the files here that pertains to your requirements. In many instances I have found no information that is applicable. In the cases where I have found applicable information, it has consisted almost entirely of P/W interrogations, photo interpretation reports based on captured German World War II photography, or translated excerpts from Soviet newspapers and periodicals. Many of these items are of U.S. origin, and I am informed that those of [REDACTED] origin have been previously made available to the U.S. It seems rather pointless for me to "rehash" this type of material and feed it back to you. Would I be justified in limiting my search to those items which I have reason to believe have not previously been made available to the U.S.?

25X1A9a In connection with your plans for the training program, we have given [REDACTED] a sample of the [REDACTED] I am sending a separate memorandum with some suggestions formulated as a result of that trip. I hope you will find them useful. 25X1X4

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We had a brief but, I believe, very profitable visit with [REDACTED] 7 when he passed through here on 30 October, enroute to his new post. [REDACTED] has not previously been getting much information on agriculture in the U.S.S.R., so they were naturally very much interested in his plans.

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I received a letter of thanks from [REDACTED] shortly after his arrival at his new post. He enclosed a copy of a despatch that he had drafted to go back to the State Department, commenting on his consultation here. [REDACTED] has undoubtedly called the despatch to your attention.

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Could you please arrange with [REDACTED] to send me four copies of the latest maps showing areas closed to foreigners in the U.S.S.R? I believe there is one for the entire country and another, larger-scale one, for the Moscow area.

I've rambled on here for a long time, trying to touch on as many points as possible. I hope that you are finding the stuff I send back to be of some value. I assure you there's plenty to do here, and we don't have a lot of spare time on our hands. I appreciate your support and will do my best to carry out any suggestions you may have.

Regards,

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Sample "Crit Sheet"
Gen. Observations Applicable
to all Journeys (10 Cys.)

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P.S. I had planned to send this back by [REDACTED], but I find he doesn't want to carry any classified material, so I'm using the pouch.

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Maps [REDACTED] - 5 Jan 53

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